

REMARKS

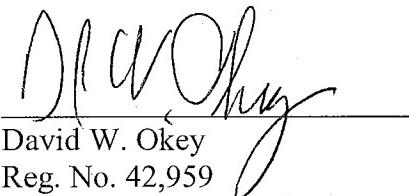
This amendment is responsive to the final Office Action mailed October 8, 2008, and the Advisory Action mailed on January 12, 2009. Claims 1-107 are pending in this application. Claims 1-13 and 39-107 were previously withdrawn due to a restriction requirement. Claims 14-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious in view of U.S. 2002/0104800 to Collins et al. ("Collins"). Claims 21-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Collins in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,932,103 to Kenley et al ("Kenley"). Claims 36 and 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Collins in view of WO 99/29355 to Sternby ("Sternby").

Applicants have amended the claims to better define the invention. No new matter has been added in amending Claims 14, 17-18 and 22-38. The amendments overcome the references because the cited art does not teach or suggest the elements of the claims as amended.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 14-38 are in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit reconsideration of same. Applicants also respectfully renew their request that an Examiner's amendment be made to withdrawn independent Claims 99, 102 to 105 to bring those claims and associated dependent claims into a scope commensurate with Claim 14, and that such claims also be deemed allowable. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 02-1818 for any fees which are due for this case, except for the issue fee.

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